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Mr. Thomas W. Wolfe  
Director, Office of Domestic Gold  
and Silver Operations  
U. S. Treasury Department  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Enclosed, you will find license applications for two gold numismatic Assay ingots. One of these is a \$139.26 ingot of KNIGHT & CO., Sacramento, Calif., circa 1864-68, the other a \$340.20 ingot of the San Francisco Mint dated 1865.

I am not sending the two ingots to you, as I do not feel that it is necessary under the circumstances. However, if you do feel that Dr. Stefanelli must examine these pieces, I shall have them in Washington the week of August 9th through the 13th, and can show them to him at that time, as I expect to see him anyhow on other business.

This KNIGHT & CO. ingot bears the number 1790. You licensed numbers 1792 and 1794 (for the Bank of California and myself) in 1968, and the National Collection contains ingot No. 1795 (a gift to them via my good offices). The ingot on the enclosed application is of the same fabric and was found with these other three pieces.

The 1865 San Francisco Mint ingot is No. 2184. Recently, the Bank of California applied for licenses covering ingots Nos. 2178, 2181, 2182, 2183, and 2185. Dr. Stefanelli has examined all of these (I have been told), and since the second application that I am sending you covers the piece made between the last two of these, I feel that going to the expense and trouble (for the both of us) of sending this item would be equally redundant.

Of course, I realize that the normal and correct procedure is to forward the ingot(s) with the license application(s), and I trust you might agree with me, in that, in this instance, to do so, would be unnecessary.

Trusting that you might not think my proposal presumptuous, I am,

Respectfully yours,

  
John J. Ford, Jr.

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